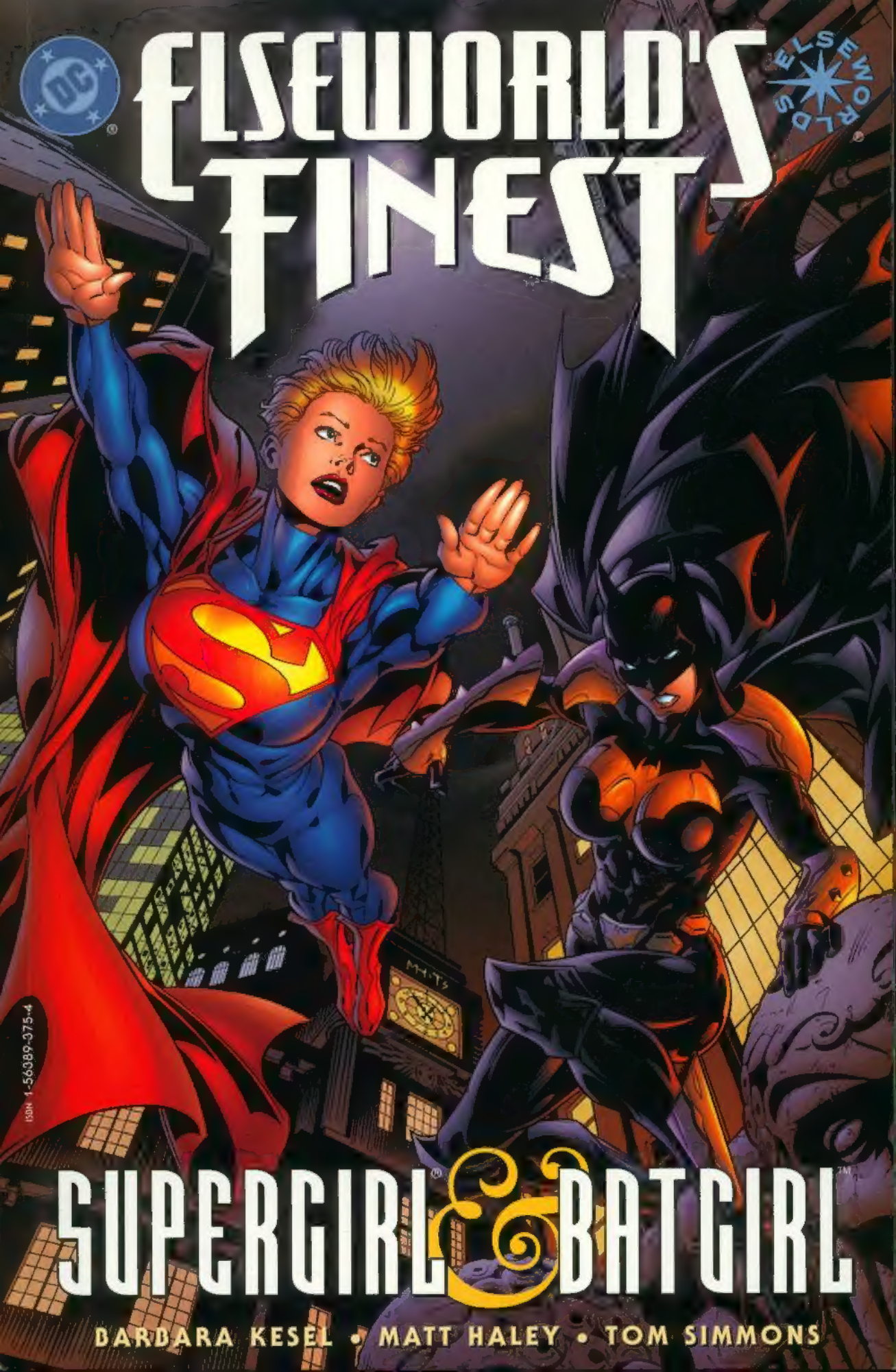
ELSEWORLD'S FINEST
ELSEWORLDS
SUPERGIRL & BATGIRL
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GOTHAM ARENA: CUSTODIAL ACCESS TUNNEL.
I NEED MORE. GIVE IT TO ME NOW.
IT'S TOO SOON... THE VENOM MAY HAVE UNANTICIPATED CUMULATIVE EFFECTS IF--
GIVE IT TO ME!
SHHH! H-HERE.
GIMME! GIMME!
PSSSFT
AAHHH... LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME!
SHE'S GOT TO NOTICE ME NOW!

GOTHAM ARENA: WEST TOWER.
SO FAR, SO GOOD.
VISITORS ARRIVING ON SCHEDULE.
BUT SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...
MAG LENSES SHOW THE PROBLEM--A STOWAWAY.
ZOOM x210
TARGET AQUIRED
IDENT. POS: TARANTULA
TARANTULA.
BATGIRL DOESN'T APPROVE.
VRRRT
CHAK!
CHAK!
HE'S YOUNG--HE HASN'T LEARNED NOT TO CROSS HER.
CHAK! CHAK!

NO TRESPASSING.
THAT IT? THINK I DIDN'T HEAR YOU CREEPING UP ON ME? I'M A PRO-- NOT SOME LOW-RENT GOTHAM ALLEY SKELL--
--OR DON'T YOU GET THE NEWSFEEDS FROM THE REAL WORLD IN YOUR TOWN?
AND I WAS WORRIED ABOUT MEETING THE GREAT BATGIRL! YOU'VE SURE GOT THE JUSTICE SOCIETY FOOL--
VRRRT
I DON'T HAVE PATIENCE FOR THIS.
AMATEUR.

YOU VIOLATED OUR AGREEMENT. TARANTULA WASN'T ON THE GUEST LIST.
WELCOME TO GOTHAM. REMEMBER TO PACK OUT YOUR TRASH.
TARANTULA! IS HE--?
HOLD, REVENANT.
CALM, EVERYONE.
TARANTULA'S BREATHING.
I APOLOGIZE, BATGIRL. TARANTULA WAS PRESENT WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE OR PERMISSION.
THEN YOU'D BETTER LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR PEOPLE BETTER, WONDER WOMAN.
AND YOU MIGHT ASK HAWKWOMAN AND BARDA ABOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INCIDENT.
REMEMBER, YOUR PRESENCE IN GOTHAM IS TOLERATED, NOT WELCOMED.

WHEN YOU LEAVE THIS TRANSFER VEHICLE, YOU WILL PROCEED UP THE ACCESSWAY TO THE BACKSTAGE AREA. YOU WILL COOPERATE WITH ALL IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES BETWEEN THESE TWO POINTS. DO NOT TOUCH THE SECURITY SYSTEM. YOU WILL LEAVE GOTHAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.
THIS IS YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO MY CONDITIONS AND LEAVE.
THE JUSTICE SOCIETY KNEW YOUR CONDITIONS COMING IN AND WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE--
--EVEN THOUGH YOU INSIST ON RUNNING THIS CITY AS A FASCISTIC, UN-AMERICAN STATE.
DON'T CROSS ME, CAPTAIN MARVEL--

--I HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU SAY THE WORD, LITTLE BOY.
REMEMBER--THE EYES OF ORACLE ARE EVERYWHERE. DON'T PUSH ME.
SHALL WE FACE THIS... GAUNTLET ?
OH, YES... LET'S REWARD THE PETTY DICTATOR BY PLAYING HER GAME.
GRANNY WOULD HAVE LOVED BATGIRL.
THIS IS THE ORACLE SECURITY SYSTEM. YOU ARE NOW ENTERING GOTHAM ARENA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PRESENCE OF JUSTICE SOCIETY MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE ARENA WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. FOLLOWING MR. LUTHOR'S SPEECH--
ORACLE
WE'VE HEARD THE INSTRUCTIONS. GO TO IDENTIFICATION PROTOCOL.
ENTER YOUR NAME OR TITLE AT THE TONE.
WONDER WOMAN.
ENTER WONDER WOMAN ONLY.
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LOITER. THERE WILL BE NO SECOND WARNING. THE EYES OF ORACLE ARE EVERYWHERE.
PSST! FLASH-- QUICK RECON!
LET'S REMAIN ABOVE THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE, BARDA. AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE TARANTULA LATER.
NO, FLASH--THERE WILL BE A BARRIER OF SOME KIND.
BATGIRL DOESN'T MAKE SIMPLE MISTAKES.

TITLE, PLEASE?
GREEN LANTERN.
PROCEED TO RETINA SCAN.
TELL ME WHERE TO LOOK, ABIN.
I'M LOSING DERMAL COHESION.
SHE DID SAY NOT TO TOUCH--
--THOUGH YOU NEVER LISTEN.
I THOUGHT I COULD GET THROUGH THE ENCRYPTION, BUT IT'S MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN I EXPECTED.
DNA SAMPLE FOR COMPARISON? WHERE'D SHE GET SAMPLES TO COMPARE TO?
PROBABLY DURING OUR FIGHTS.
ALWAYS PLANNING AHEAD.
ONLY WAY TO RULE AN ENTIRE CITY IS GOOD HOMEWORK.
SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY. THAT'S HOW BATGIRL'S BEEN ABLE TO ISOLATE GOTHAM FOR THE PAST DECADE. IT'S IN THE FILES.
IT'S NOT RIGHT, KEEPING THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CUT OFF LIKE THIS.
THANAGAR HAS SUCH CONTROLS, AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HOMEWORLD...

"THE NEXT TESTS ARE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED. BY THE USE OF THOSE ABILITIES UNIQUE TO EACH OF YOU, WE WILL ASCERTAIN THAT THERE ARE NO SHAPE-CHANGING SUBSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGREED-UPON JUSTICE SOCIETY MEMBERS. STEP TO THE APPROPRIATE STATION AS REQUESTED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
"DR. MIDNITE.
"CAPTAIN MARVEL."
"INTERCEPTOR.
AND MY TEST...?

"WONDER WOMAN--
"--PLEASE OPEN THE BACKSTAGE DOORS."
KRAN NNNG!

GOTHAM ARENA: MAIN STAGE.
THANK YOU... THANK YOU...
THAT'S QUITE A RECEPTION. ON BEHALF...
THANK YOU!...
ON BEHALF OF THE WAYNE FOUNDATION, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING TONIGHT'S HISTORIC CEREMONY.
DID HE BRING HER?
OH, YES. I SAW SHE WAS LISTED TO SPEAK. DO YOU THINK WE'LL GET AN ANNOUNCEMENT?
WE NEVER DO, DO WE? HAVE YOU READ HER LATEST... "THE BINARY BEAST"? SO SHOCKING!
AND TO THINK THEY'RE ALL BASED ON REAL CASES...!
I'M GOING TO FRIDAY'S SIGNING. WANNA GO?
JOINING ME TONIGHT IS A YOUNG WOMAN SOME HAVE CALLED THE FIRST LADY OF GOTHAM'S HISTORY FOR HER BOOKS AND LECTURES...
C'MON, BRUCE— LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!
ORACLE ACTIVE
HEY! THINK WE'LL BE ON TV?
KNOCK IT OFF, BUD!
A BEAUTY WHOSE TALENT IS OUTSHINED ONLY BY HER LOVELINESS, A WOMAN PARTICULARLY SPECIAL TO ME, MY... DEAR FRIEND—

--BARBARA GORDON.
SHOWTIME.
BARBARA, AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, HAS A NEW BOOK OUT. SHE'S GIVING STEPHEN KING A RUN FOR HIS SALES FIGURES WITH HER SPINE-TINGLING DRAMATIZATION OF THE CRIMES OF TWO-FACE...
AND SHE'LL BE SIGNING COPIES OF "THE BINARY BEAST" THIS FRIDAY...
LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S GOING AS YOU PLANNED. NO INCIDENTS, I TRUST?
ALMOST BUT NOT QUITE, NO THANKS TO YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO STAY TO HELP PREP THE ARENA?
I WAS... BUT I... GOT DISTRACTED.
OH, THAT'S UNUSUAL. WHO WAS SHE?
THANK YOU, BRUCE. THANK YOU, GOTHAM CITY!
BEFORE I INTRODUCE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS, A REMINDER THAT ALL PROCEEDS FROM "THE BINARY BEAST" GO TO WAYNE FOUNDATION CHARITIES.
AND NOW, WE OF THE FOUNDATION ARE VERY EXCITED TO HOST TONIGHT'S SPECIAL VISITORS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S GIVE A WARM GOTHAM WELCOME TO...

"...THE JUSTICE SOCIETY!"
CAPTAIN MARVEL
HAWKWOMAN
VECTRON
REVENANT
BARDA
FLASH

THANK YOU WITH BATGIRL'S KIND PERMISSION, WE TWELVE WERE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE JUSTICE SOCIETY ON THIS MEMORABLE DAY
I IMAGINE YOU'RE AS SURPRISED TO SEE US IN GOTHAM AS WE ARE TO BE ALLOWED INSIDE ITS LIMITS. TIMES HAVE CHANGED.
MANY OF THOSE CHANGES ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE GENIUS OF TONIGHT'S GUEST OF HONOR, LEX LUTHOR.
WE OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY CAN NO LONGER IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT THE MAN WE ARE PROUD TO CALL BENEFACTOR AND FRIEND.
DRAWING ON AN ALMOST OTHERWORLDLY INTUITION, LEX'S DISCOVERIES AND INVENTIONS HAVE REVOLUTIONIZED DAILY LIFE IN METROPOLIS AND WILL DO THE SAME FOR GOTHAM
GREEN LANTERN
DR. MIDNITE
AMBUSH BUG
WONDER WOMAN
INTERCEPTOR
AND FOR THOSE OF YOU DISAPPOINTED AT NOT SEEING OUR MOST FAMOUS MEMBER, YOU'LL NOTICE I SAID WE WERE TWELVE, THOUGH ONLY ELEVEN STAND BEFORE YOU.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HERE TO PRESENT METROPOLIS'S GREATEST TREASURE TO YOU IS THE WOMAN I PROUDLY CALL DAUGHTER—

"...SUPERGIRL."
ALL EYES TURN HEAVENWARD AS THE REIGNING PRINCESS OF METROPOLIS CARRIES ITS UNCROWNED KING
SHE'LL NEVER GET USED TO THIS. HER LIFE WAS SO NORMAL BEFORE... AND SO PUBLIC NOW. THERE IS NOWHERE SHE CAN GO WHERE SHE IS NOT INSTANTLY RECOGNIZED AND ADORED
SHE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO ENTER QUIETLY, BUT THERE ARE RITUALS TO BE OBSERVED, SPECTACLE TO PRESENT, ROLES TO FULFILL WHEN ONE IS A GODDESS IN A WORLD THAT DESPERATELY DESIRES THE DIVINE.
SO, THOUGH SHE MAY FIND IT SILLY, THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM HAVE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE ...THEY DESERVE A SHOW...

...AND HE DESERVES THE ACCOLADES
THEY LOVE YOU, LEX!
THANK YOU, CITIZENS OF GOTHAM!
OH, PLEASE-- THEY'RE RAVING OVER YOU
WE SHOULD HAVE DRESSED YOU UP-- HAD A GOWN DESIGNED-- SOMETHING BEFITTING YOUR ANGEL IMAGE
OVER THEM IN A DRESS? THAT'S NOT THE IMAGE I WANT THEM TO HAVE, LEX!
NO TOUCHING.
WORKS FOR ME
THANK YOU! I'M SO HAPPY TO BE HERE...
SUPERGIRL! SUPERGIRL! LUTHOR! LUTHOR! SUPERGIRL!

...AND I'M ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO MEET THE EXQUISITE BARBARA KEON
FLATTERER
WELCOME TO GOTHAM, LEX!
SO BEAUTIFUL, THIS TOWN!
HELLO, GOTHAM!
I SPEAK FOR LEXCORP AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, CADMUS AND STAR LABS, WHEN I THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS WELCOME
WHY AM I HERE? TO ANNOUNCE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACTORY TO BE BUILT RIGHT HERE IN YOUR TOWN, EMPLOYING 2500 GOTHAMITES WITH LEXCORP'S USUAL GENEROUS WAGE/BENEFITS PACKAGES.
OUR PRODUCT? AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF POISONS AND POLLUTANTS THAT HAS ALWAYS PLAGUED MANUFACTURING--A NONPOLLUTING ENERGY SOURCE--THE LEXCELL SOLAR BATTERY.
ALL MADE POSSIBLE BY A SIMPLE BIOELECTRICAL DISCOVERY. FORGIVE ME IF THE DETAILS ARE STILL CONFIDENTIAL.
"BUSINESS IS BUSINESS."
"THIS LEXCELL FACILITY WILL CONVERT OLD PLASTICS, SCRAP METAL AND TOXIC WASTE INTO THE COMPONENTS OF CLEAN ENERGY!
...COMING TO YOU FROM OUTSIDE GOTHAM ARENA. WE'LL BRING YOU THE OFFICIAL BROADCAST TONIGHT AT ELEVEN
WE CAN'T FILM INSIDE, OF COURSE--

--THAT'S RESERVED FOR ORACLE CAMERAS.
PEEK-A-BOO, YOU DON'T SEE THROUGH!
THEY CALL ME THE MAN OF TOMORROW BECAUSE I LIVE WITH ONE FOOT IN THE FUTURE.
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE WITHOUT, AND I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE THE GOOD LIFE.
"I KEEP LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BRING THAT SAME LEVEL OF SECURITY TO EVERYONE...
"...I KEEP SEEKING THE NEXT STEP TOWARD A WORLD OF WONDERS..."
"...WHERE THERE'S A HELPING HAND OUT TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS IT."
♪...ESSA CANTA E SORRIDE, E IL RIMORSO M'ASSALE...♫
FGGSST!
EH WHA--?!

I KNEW THEY'D CAUSE TROUBLE
YES.
HMMMMMM
BREEP BEEP
"...BUT NO SHAME IN SLAPPING THAT HAND AWAY TO DO IT YOURSELF
"LEXCORP IS NOT ABOUT DOMINATION. IT'S ABOUT DETERMINATION. I'M DETERMINED TO HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD.
"AFTER YEARS OF DISCUSSION, YOUR PROTECTOR HAS AGREED THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR GOTHAM TO GROW.
"AND I'M HAPPY TO BE THE MAN TO PLANT THE FIRST SEED. LET'S ALL RISE..."
DRIVER GAS..
THERE YOU ARE. WHAT POINTLESS TRAIL WERE YOU FOLLOWING THIS TIME?

"... AND SALUTE THE WOMAN WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE.. BATGIRL."
SHHH... WE MUST GET BACK BEFORE WE'RE MISSED.
MASK... SMILE...
THANK YOU!
AND GOOD NIGHT!
I HEARD THE ALARM.
IT'S TAKEN CARE OF
WHEN DO WE LEAVE?
AS SOON AS THE LIMO PULLS AWAY.

AAAH... HERE'S TO THE MAN WHO OPENED GOTHAM.
AND HERE'S TO THE MAN WHO KIDNAPPED THE MAN WHO OPENED GOTHAM!
I LIKE THIS RHYME--ISN'T THERE ANOTHER VERSE WITH A JACK...OR A JOKER?
GOOD EVENING, LUTHOR.
W-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT'S GOING ON? WHERE'S MY DRIVER?
EMIL HAMILTON. I WONPERED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU AFTER...
WHO... OR WHAT IS YOUR GROTESQUE COMPANION?
DON'T TALK ABOUT ME LIKE I'M NOT RIGHT HERE. IT MAKES ME FEEL SO... PETTY AND VINDICTIVE.
EMIL IS HELPING ME. I'M GOING TO LAND THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS. BATGIRL LIKES ME, YOU KNOW. SHE JUST HASN'T ADMITTED IT TO HERSELF. SHE MUST BE HELPED.
I ASSUME I GET TO HELP WITH THIS PLAN?
EE-YUP! PHONE HOME. "LEXCORP, HONEY, DON'T WAIT UP. I'LL BE LATE. I'VE DECIDED TO STAY IN GOTHAM FOR A BAT --A BIT-- VISIT OLD FRIENDS."
THEN CUT 'EM OFF.

MOTHER BOX IS BACK ONLINE.
BUT IZAYA HELP ME IF I KNOW HOW BATGIRL MANAGED TO BLOCK HER CIRCUITS
I CAN OPEN A BOOM TUBE ANYTIME. WE READY TO GO?
BOOM!
GONE
FINALLY.

BRUCE! BARBARA! CAN WE GIVE YOU A LIFT?
NO THANKS WE'VE GOT PLANS.
PRIVATE PLANS
CHIMING
IDENTITY CONFIRMED BATCAVE ACCESS UNLOCKED
YOU'RE RUINING MY REPUTATION, MISTER WAYNE.
THAT'S THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR MY ASSISTANCE IN CRIME-FIGHTING, MS. GORDON
DOWN HERE, THAT'S BATGIRL.
AS YOU COMMAND, BUT BE GOOD TO ME, OR I'LL TELL GOTHAM ABOUT THIS CAVE HIDDEN UNDER ITS CIVIC CENTER.
THREAT NOTED. YOUR DISAPPEARANCE SCHEDULED.
PLAY BACK THE SURVEILLANCE FROM ZONE FOUR I WANT TO SEE WHAT SET OFF THE ALERT.

BLACKOUT. RIGHT THERE. BUT WHY DIDN'T THE SYSTEM GIVE ME A CAMERA FAILURE SIGNAL?
HE'S WHY. LOOK -- THE CAMERA WASN'T DAMAGED, JUST OBSCURED
YOU'VE BEEN CLOWN-NOSED, BUT BY WHO?
"WHOM." HE'S DRESSED LIKE THE JOKER, BUT...
ZOOM IN.
OH, LORD. THAT IS HIM -- WOW. WHAT'D HE DO TO HIMSELF? NO, HE COULDN'T HAVE...
SOMEONE ELSE IS INVOLVED.
SOMEBODY WITH... UNUSUAL RESOURSES.
INVOLVED IN WHAT?
JUSTICE SOCIETY HQ.
YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY OF IT? YOU MISSED A GREAT SHOW, TIMMERS.
RIGHT.
LIKE I NEED TO GO BACK TO GOTHAM EVER. I LIKE MY FREEDOM.
BREEP BREEP
HANG ON, ASTERIA. GOTTA GET THAT.
JUSTICE SOCIETY. DRAKE SPEAKING.
WHA-- ? LEX LUTHOR'S BEEN KIDNAPPED? NO WAY! UH-- I MEAN...
THE JSA'S ON IT. YOU'LL BE NOTIFIED OF OUR PROGRESS. OUT.
WONDER WOMAN'S IN THE GARDEN. LET'S GIVE HER THE NEWS.

WONDER WOMAN! EMERGENCY!
LEXCORP SAYS LEX'S BEEN KIDNAPPED! THEY GOT A CALL FROM THE MAN HIMSELF!
YOU HAVE TO GO BACK TO GOTHAM!
SLOW DOWN, TIM! ANY DETAILS? WAS THERE A RECORDING OF THE CALL? DO WE HAVE ANY PROOF?
SLOW DOWN ... WE'VE GOT A BODY. ZOOM IN ON THE NOTE
Dearest love of my life, Cheers to the big 40!! Yours in eternal devotion, Joker
THE LIMO-- HE'S GOT LUTHOR.
CALL PEMBLETON IN HOMICIDE ABOUT THE DRIVER.
I'LL FIND LUTHOR AND BRING THE JOKER IN ... AGAIN.
BUT I HAD PLANS.
SHE'LL WAIT.

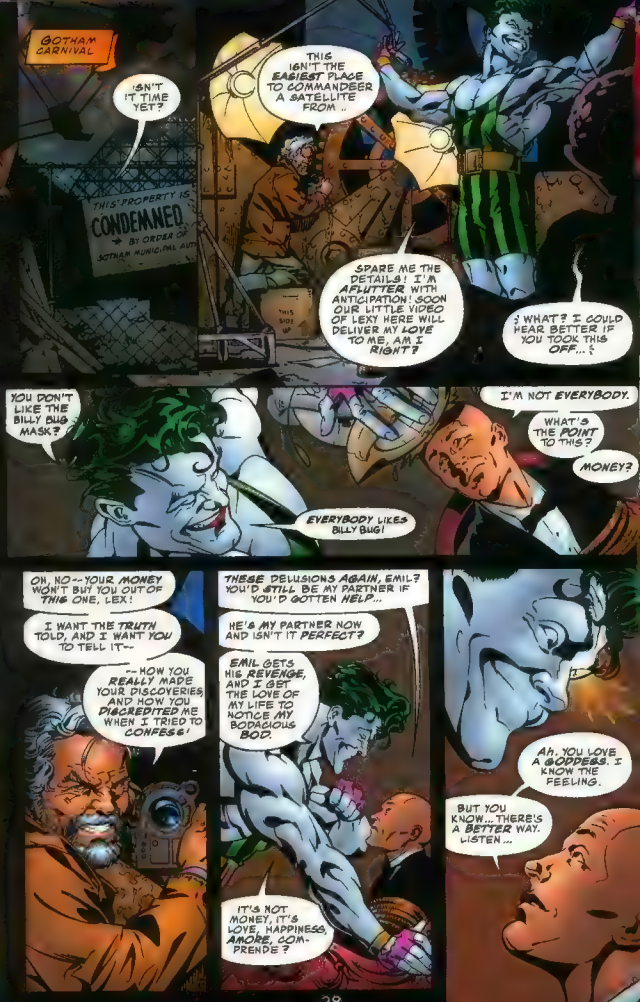
SUIT ME
KLAK
HMMMM
KLNNG
UPLINK

METROPOLIS IS CALLING THE JUSTICE SOCIETY IS OFFERING "ANY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO APPREHEND THE KIDNAPPER."
TELL THEM THEIR OFFER IS UNNECESSARY
WATCH YOURSELF. THE JOKER... SUDDENLY A MUSCLEMAN... I DON'T LIKE IT. WAIT--IF THE JOKER WAS DRIVING THE LIMO, WHY DIDN'T LEX NOTICE?
INATTENTION, DRUNK ON POSITIVE FEEDBACK TO HIS LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT, FROSTED GLASS SECURITY PANEL -- COULD BE ANY OF THOSE. I'LL ASK HIM WHEN I FIND THE LIMO--
--WHICH DOESN'T APPEAR ON THE GOTHAM VEHICULAR GRID.
"HE FOUND A WAY TO CIRCUMVENT THE AUTOTRACE?"
YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION-- HE'S NOT ALONE. SET THE SYSTEM TO VISUAL SCAN AND HAVE IT DELETE ANYTHING WITH A WORKING AUTOTRACE--
--MY TARGET'S THE ONE LEFT.
GOTHAM FLORIST
GOTHAM FLORIST 555-1024

YOU SAY YOU'VE DONE ALL YOU CAN, BUT I'M NOT CONVINCED YOU UNDERSTAND--
MR. PRESIDENT, I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING TO METROPOLIS WITH LUTHOR THREATENED.
...I DO COMPREHEND THE THREAT TO THE CITY-STATE'S ECONOMY, AND I KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET IS GENERATED BY METROPOLIS...
...BUT WE CAN'T STORM GOTHAM TO FIND HIM -- WE CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER WAR!
WE'VE NOTIFIED BATGIRL, OFFERED OUR SERVICES...
...IT'S HER MOVE
I'M IN CRISIS, I'M ALL SHOOK UP.
PRESIDENT PRESLEY, MA'AM... JUST CALL ME PREZ
WHOSE MOVE? WHAT'S GOING ON, STARBOLT-- WHY THE ALERT?
YOU KIDDIN' ME, S-GIRL? YOU DUNNO?
LUTHOR'S BEEN KIDNAPPED, BABE! IN GOTHAM! AND WE CAN'T GO SAVE HIM!
WHA--?

IS THIS TRUE?
KARA, THE RESTRICTIONS REGARDING GOTHAM HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE BEFORE YOU CAME TO EARTH. YOU KNOW GOTHAM IS OFF LIMITS TO US!
BUT IF LEX IS IN DANGER--?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT WITH YOU. I SHOULD HAVE FLOWN HIM OUT. I SHOULD HAVE--
STOP THAT! OUR LEAVING TOGETHER WAS PART OF THE AGREEMENT. YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT BATGIRL LEFT ONE DANGER UNACCOUNTED FOR!
THE SITUATION IS IN HER HANDS NOW.
WE MUST LIVE WITH THAT. IT'S THE WAY IT IS.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? HOW CAN YOU JUST LET THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD BE THREATENED AND NOT DO ANYTHING? DON'T YOU CARE?
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG IT'S A COMPLICATED SITUATION. YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU'RE... MORE EXPERIENCED.
THE HELL WITH THAT--I'M GOING TO SAVE HIM!
I'LL GO GET HER!
NO. LET HER GO.
SHE NEEDS TO LEARN THAT THERE CAN BE PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES TO RASH ACTIONS
OR MAYBE.. WHO KNOWS?...

"MAYBE HER NAIVETE IS JUST WHAT WE NEED TO BREAK DOWN THE WALLS BETWEEN METROPOLIS AND GOTHAM AND DO "THE IMPOSSIBLE"...
"... REASON WITH BAT@IRL."
LIMO'S A STATIC TARGET. I'LL BE BACK WITH LEX IN FIVE MINUTES.
CAREFUL — THE CHEMICAL SCREEN'S DONE ON THE DEAD DRIVER. CAUSE OF HIS DEATH IS A MYSTERY TOXIN LIKE NOTHING IN OUR FILES. I'M RUNNING A STUDY NOW.
THE JOKER'S NOT SUCH A LAUGH ANYMORE. WATCH OUT.
VREEP
CHANGE OF SUBJECT. BRUCE --SUPER@IRL'S VIOLATING GOTHAM AIRSPACE.
AIRSPACE VIOLATION IN PROGRESS
SHE'S LUTHOR'S PET. SHE'LL BE LED BY HER EMOTIONS-- UNPREDICTABLE.
I'LL TAKE HER OUT FIRST BEFORE SHE CAN DESTABILIZE THE SITUATION WITH JOKER.
I HAD IT UNDER CONTROL
SCREEEE
DIDN'T I SAY LETTING LUTHOR IN WAS A MISTAKE? YOU GAVE THEM AN INCH.
IT WAS TIME.
GROW UP, BRUCE I'M NOT SOMEONE YOU NEED TO WARN.
BABS -- I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU HAVE A FOCUS, AN INTENSITY -- SOMETHING THAT'S MISSING FROM MY LIFE...
...BUT DON'T CONFUSE STUBBORN WITH INVULNERABLE. YOU'RE STILL HUMAN.


GOTHAM CARNIVAL
ISN'T IT TIME YET?
THIS PROPERTY IS CONDEMNED.
BY ORDER OF
GOTHAM MUNICIPAL AUT
THIS IS NOT
THIS ISN'T THE EASIEST PLACE TO COMMANDEER A SATELLITE FROM..
SPARE ME THE DETAILS! I'M A FLUTTER WITH ANTICIPATION! SOON OUR LITTLE VIDEO OF LEXY HERE WILL DELIVER MY LOVE TO ME, AM I RIGHT?
? WHAT? I COULD HEAR BETTER IF YOU TOOK THIS OFF... ?
YOU DON'T LIKE THE BILLY BUG MASK?
EVERYBODY LIKES BILLY BUG!
I'M NOT EVERYBODY.
WHAT'S THE POINT TO THIS?
MONEY?
OH, NO--YOUR MONEY WON'T BUY YOU OUT OF THIS ONE, LEX!
I WANT THE TRUTH TOLD, AND I WANT YOU TO TELL IT--
--HOW YOU REALLY MADE YOUR DISCOVERIES AND HOW YOU DISCREDITED ME WHEN I TRIED TO CONFESS!
THESE DELUSIONS AGAIN, EMIL? YOU'D STILL BE MY PARTNER IF YOU'D GOTTEN HELP...
HE'S MY PARTNER NOW AND ISN'T IT PERFECT?
EMIL GETS HIS REVENGE, AND I GET THE LOVE OF MY LIFE TO NOTICE MY BODACIOUS BOD.
IT'S NOT MONEY, IT'S LOVE, HAPPINESS, AMORE, COMPRENDE?
AH. YOU LOVE A GODDESS. I KNOW THE FEELING.
BUT YOU KNOW... THERE'S A BETTER WAY. LISTEN ...

ACQUIRED 0030
IDENT. POS.: SUPERGIRL
VRMMMM
THINK OF THIS AS NUCLEAR SUN-SCREEN--
--TOO MUCH OR THIS ENERGY AND YOU'LL BE CUT OFF FROM THE SOLAR RADIATION THAT GIVES YOU YOUR POWERS.
PAY ATTENTION-- YOU ARE VIOLATING MY BORDERS. LEAVE NOW, AND YOU'LL AVOID FURTHER PAIN
WHAT?! LEX LUTHOR IS BEING TORTURED SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM, AND YOU'RE ATTACKING ME?
KEEPING ME OUT OF GOTHAM WORTH HIS LIFE?
YOU KNOW THE RULES. NO PARANORMALS IN GOTHAM.
VRMMMMMM
YOU'RE SICK! THIS IS LEX LUTHOR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!
OR ARE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GOTHAM THE ONLY ONES WORTH PROTECTING?

I HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL. I DON'T NEED YOUR INTERFERENCE.
VRMMM
SO LEX IS FREE?
I SAID I HAD IT UNDER CONTROL.
AND I ASKED WHERE LEX LUTHOR IS
YOU HAVEN'T RESCUED HIM YET, HAVE YOU?
I COULD HELP. WITH MY POWERS, WE'LL HAVE HIM FREE AND BACK TO METROPOLIS AND OUT OF YOUR WAY.
PLEASE LET ME HELP
HE MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.
YOU THINK HE'S SOME KIND OF SAINT, DON'T YOU?
THEY'VE GOT HIM OUT AT THE OLD CARNIVAL. LET'S GO
VRMMMMMM
SO IT'S AGREED..

I GIVE YOU MORE OF THE MINERAL THAT POWERS THE "MAGIC ELIXIR" THAT WINS YOU BATGIRL'S HEART, AND YOU AGREE TO WORK FOR ME.
YOU GOT YOURSELF A LACKEY, LEX.
YOU ALWAYS DID TURN ADVERSITY TO ADVANTAGE, LEX...
THEN LET'S GO SEAL THE DEAL WITH A SPECIAL COCKTAIL AT MY PLACE
WHAT ABOUT THE TAPE?
IF I TRANSMIT THIS, AND JOKER GOES TO WORK FOR YOU, IT'LL BE PROOF YOU COLLUDE WITH KNOWN CRIMINALS.
NOT AT ALL, EMIL. IT'LL BE PROOF OF MY ABILITY TO PERSUADE A CRIMINAL TO TURN FROM HIS WAYS, AND MY WILLINGNESS TO SET A WIN-WIN EQUATION OUT OF ANY SITUATION
RUN IT! I WANT HER TO SEE HOW GOOD I LOOK IN SPANDEX!
KRAKK!
CLANG!
CURSE YOU, LEX LUTHOR...
LET'S GO, EMIL. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE METROPOLIS!

SO THIS IS GOTHAM, THE WALLED CITY
IT'S SO... COLORLESS... SO SAD AND COLD...
IT'S JUST TERRIBLE TO THINK THAT LEX IS TRAPPED IN THIS PLACE, THAT ANYONE WOULD TRY TO HURT HIM AFTER ALL THE GOOD HE'S DONE...
"...DID YOU KNOW HE PERSONALLY OVERSAW THE DESIGN AND BUILDING OF THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS FOR THE JUSTICE SOCIETY?
"...HE ALSO DONATED THE LAND, OF COURSE...

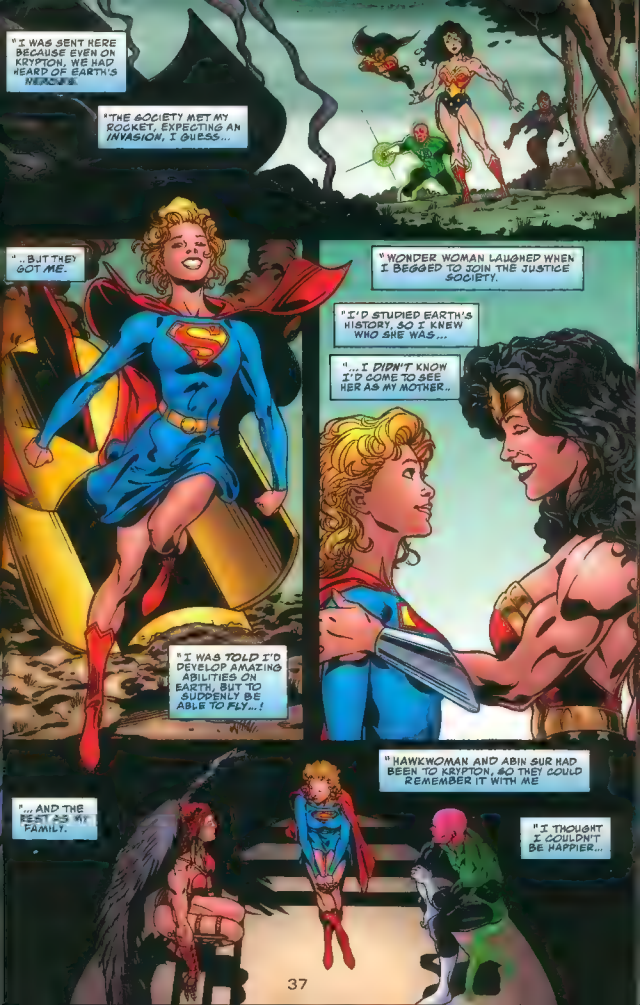
"HE'S ALWAYS BEEN METROPOLIS'S ANGEL. AFTER HE MADE A FORTUNE FROM HIS SOLAR DISCOVERIES...
METROPOLIS SOLAR COLLECTOR GRID
"...HE SPENT THAT FORTUNE REDEVELOPING TROUBLE SPOTS AND MADE METROPOLIS BIGGER THAN MOST STATES...
"...WITH LEX'S HELP, METROPOLIS WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE ANYTHING ITS CITIZENS NEEDED - JOBS, HOUSING, SERVICES...
"...HE'S NOT A SAINT. HE'S JUST A REALLY, REALLY GOOD MAN."
YEAH, YEAH... HOLD ON, WE'VE GOT A PIRATE TV BROADCAST COMING IN...
--LIVE FROM GOTHAM CARNIVAL, MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST LEX LUTHOR IS ABOUT TO DIE!
...UNLESS BATGIRL SHOWS UP AND FORCES ME TO CHANGE MY EVIL MIND!
ARE YOU LISTENING, MY DARK-KNIGHT DARLING? I'M BEING BAD--MAKE ME PAY!
FASTER

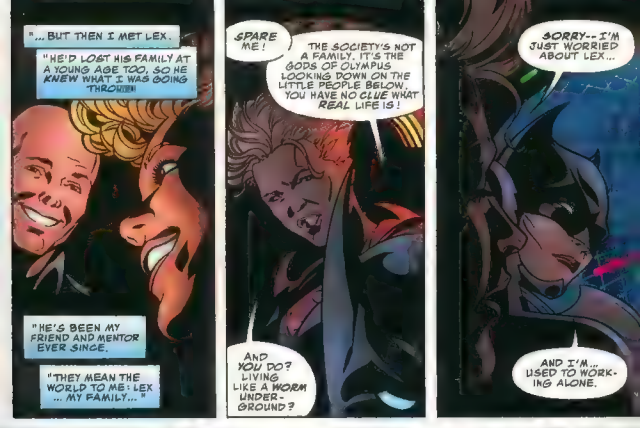
THEY'RE NOT HERE? AND MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS NO SIGN OF THEM! HOW--?
IT WAS A TAPE. THEY WERE HERE.
THEY LEFT IN A HURRY, BUT NOT FIGHTING. LEX WASN'T BOUND..

THEY ALSO LEFT THIS BEHIND, BUT THERE'S JUST ENOUGH TIME TO--
OH, I'M SORRY, YOU WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE BOMB..
..BUT WE'RE IN A HURRY, RIGHT?
KRRNNNCH!

SO LET'S GET... UHOH!
THIS IS STRANGE-- I ... DON'T FEEL GOOD
I MUST BE HAVING AFTER-EFFECTS FROM YOUR ATTACK...
WHA ..?
YOU SHOULDN'T
DESCRIBE THE FEELING
OUT IN SPACE, WHEN MY ROCKET GOT CLOSE TO EARTH, I FELT SICK THIS WAY ... BUT IT'S GONE NOW.
JOKER... LUTHOR... SO THAT'S THE CONNECTION.
WE SHOULD CALL IN THE SOCIETY. WE NEED AS MANY EYES AS POSSIBLE OUT LOOKING FOR THAT LUNATIC AND LEX.
NO.
THEY'LL BE WATCHING FOR THAT. THIS CALLS FOR MY TECHNIQUES, NOT A SKYFUL OF COSTUMES
BESIDES, I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING.
HOW?
TRUST ME. I DON'T WANT HIM DEAD, EITHER
COME WITH ME--

"--WE'RE GOING TO METROPOLIS."
DOES THIS TUNNEL GO ALL THE WAY THERE?
NOT UNLESS YOU HAVE A HAMMERHEAD ATV AND A COLLECTION OF MAPS THAT ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD--
BECAUSE YOU LIKE YOUR SECRETS
DON'T KNOCK 'EM.
...MY SECRETS MAY BE THE KEY TO SAVING YOUR BOYFRIEND.
KRAKK!
DON'T BE TRITE--WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
HE WAS THERE FOR ME FROM THE DAY I REACHED EARTH, YOU KNOW...
EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS STORY.
FIRST KRYPTON DIED. THEN, I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO ESCAPE THE DESTRUCTION OF ARGO CITY...


"I WAS SENT HERE BECAUSE EVEN ON KRYPTON, WE HAD HEARD OF EARTH'S HEROES.
"THE SOCIETY MET MY ROCKET, EXPECTING AN INVASION, I GUESS...
"...BUT THEY GOT ME.
"WONDER WOMAN LAUGHED WHEN I BEGGED TO JOIN THE JUSTICE SOCIETY.
"I'D STUDIED EARTH'S HISTORY, SO I KNEW WHO SHE WAS...
"...I DIDN'T KNOW I'D COME TO SEE HER AS MY MOTHER..
"I WAS TOLD I'D DEVELOP AMAZING ABILITIES ON EARTH, BUT TO SUDDENLY BE ABLE TO FLY...!
"HAWKWOMAN AND ABIN SUR HAD BEEN TO KRYPTON, SO THEY COULD REMEMBER IT WITH ME
"...AND THE REST AS MY FAMILY.
"I THOUGHT I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER...


"... BUT THEN I MET LEX.
"HE'D LOST HIS FAMILY AT A YOUNG AGE TOO, SO HE KNEW WHAT I WAS GOING THROUGH.
"HE'S BEEN MY FRIEND AND MENTOR EVER SINCE.
"THEY MEAN THE WORLD TO ME: LEX ... MY FAMILY... "
SPARE ME!
THE SOCIETY'S NOT A FAMILY. IT'S THE GODS OF OLYMPUS LOOKING DOWN ON THE LITTLE PEOPLE BELOW. YOU HAVE NO CLUE WHAT REAL LIFE IS!
AND YOU DO? LIVING LIKE A WORM UNDER-GROUND?
SORRY-- I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT LEX...
AND I'M... USED TO WORK-ING ALONE.

WE'RE HERE
WHAT IS THIS?
LEXCORP
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
THE LEXCORP SUB-BASEMENT ACCESS-- WHERE THE WORMS CRAWL IN.
LOOK-- I APOLOGIZE FOR THE WORM REMARK IT WAS--
NO NEED-- IT FITS.
YOU KNOW THE CODE?
beep bip beep
YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MUCH I KNOW.

YOU REALLY THINK THEY BROUGHT H'M BACK TO LEX CO-- WOW!
I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THIS WAS DOWN HERE...!
I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME IN THE PENTHOUSE...
...WHICH I FLY TO..
NOW THAT'S A DOOR! I CAN'T SEE INSIDE... MUST BE LEAD-LINED.
OPEN IT.
IT'LL... LEAD US WHERE WE NEED TO GO
KRA-WR
CH
AYAAAH!
IT'S ONLY IN THE DOORWAY HERE--
YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM THE SICKNESS BEHIND THIS--
IT'S LEAD-IMPREGNATED SILK
COME ON

ANOTHER DOOR?
WHO DID LEX THINK WOULD TRY TO BREAK INTO THIS BUILDING --ME?
IF YOU WERE LUTHOR, WOULDN'T YOU PREPARE FOR ANY POSSIBILITY?
THE CODE AGAIN? THE EYES OF ORACLE ARE EVERY-WHERE!
WHAT IS THIS? YOU AREN'T TAKING ME TO LEX, YOU'RE-- HEY!
THESE INSCRIPTIONS ARE IN KRYPTONESE!
I KNOW. I'VE ONLY GOT IT PARTIALLY TRANSLATED.
I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN HERE BEFORE.
THIS IS SWEET-- LEX USING MY LANGUAGE AS HIS PERSONAL CODE.
HE WAS SO INTER-ESTED IN LEARNING IT...
SO AM I. WHAT DOES IT SAY?
IT'S A DIRECTORY OF SAMPLES... DIRECTIONS FOR ENGINEERING A SOLAR BATTERY BASED ON BIO-LOGICAL CELL SAMPLES... IT REFERS TO A NON-VIABLE "SOURCE A"...

THIS IS NEAT!
THIS "SOURCE A" MUST HAVE COME FROM MY WORLD!
I WANT TO SEE WHAT IT IS..."SOLAR BATTERY"--IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF PLANT LIFE, OR MAYBE--
KAL-EL
MADE A NEW FRIEND, HAVE YOU, KARA?

...LEARNING HOW TO SKULK AROUND IN THE DARK ALLEYS AND BACK ROOMS? SHE'LL RUIN YOUR REPUTATION!
DON'T-- I SAW WHAT YOU--
HOW COULD YOU?! I... TRUSTED YOU!
LIKE A FATHER.
I KNOW-- I WORKED ON THAT
I HAD TO MAKE SURE WE BONDED.
YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN DANGEROUS OTHERWISE.
UNCONTROLLABLE.
LIKE THE MALE MIGHT HAVE BEEN... IF HE'D BEEN ALLOWED TO MATURE.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW THAT I KNOW? KILL ME?
OH, NO-- I'D NEVER DO THAT...
...HE WILL.
Cheese Fries
Burger

LIKE HELL.
LEX LUTHOR, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
BUH-KROOOM!!
NO!
I DON'T WANT HIM DEAD...

SHE'S ON HER WAY, JOKER, SO I EXPECT YOU TO REPAY--
JOKER?
JOKER!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY.
ZWIPP
PPTT
KA-CHUNGKA-
KRUNK!
HEDDO, BEAUDIFOH
I FE DHREAMED UF THISH DAY FOREFER AN' NOW ISH FHINALLY SHERE...
WE'RE ALODE. THOGEFER.
LIGK THE CHANGIZ IN MHY BHOD ? AWESHOME, NHO ? AN' ID'S PERMANENT.
KIFF ME, DHARLINCH

IT'S ALL FOR YOU!
WITH THE VENOM PULSING THROUGH MY VEINS, I'M THE ACME OF INVINCIBLE--
ONE OF YOU.
OOOH.
SAY... DOES THIS VENOM MAKE YOU STRONGER?
SMARTER?
FASTER?
YES...
YES!
YES!
GOOD.
THEN YOU'LL SURVIVE THIS.
WHAK!
LET'S MAKE THIS A LONG COURTSHIP

ALL THESE YEARS YOU'VE BEEN LYING TO EVERYONE-- TO ME!
YOU--SLAUGHTERED MY... COUSIN!
YOU--YOU-- MURDERER!
NOT TECHNICALLY.
FORTUNATELY, OUR CURRENT LAWS DON'T PROTECT KENOS - I DIDN'T MURDER ANYONE...
...BUT I ELIMINATED A POTENTIAL ALIEN THREAT.
IS THAT HOW YOU SEE ME?!

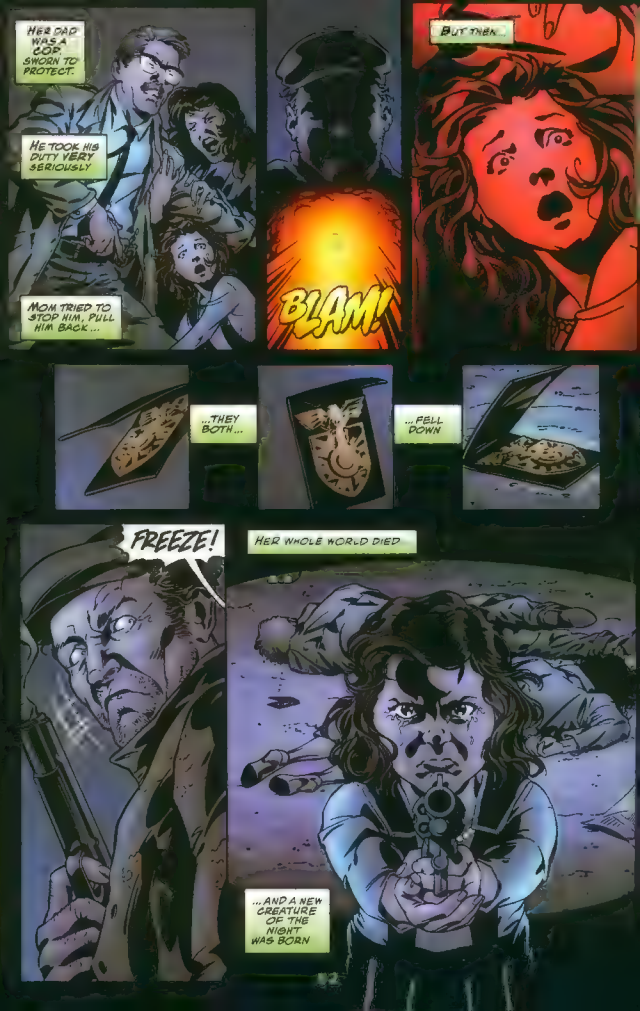
STOP IT!
DON'T DROP TO HIS LEVEL, KARA.
WHY DO YOU CARE? LEX MEANS NOTHING TO YOU!
BUT TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, HE'S A HERO. SO ARE YOU.
YOU STAND FOR WHAT'S JUST. DON'T LET HIM MAKE YOU LOSE THAT..
KLK
XMIT
SHUT UP!
KREEEESHH!
AFTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE, I'LL-- I'M GOING TO--
SAY IT, KARA-- YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME.
NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY! MUSTN'T KILL LEXY-- I OWE HIM BIG.
NICE MUSCLE TONE-- YOU WORK OUT?
DON'T ANSWER-- I HAVE TO KILL YOU. IT'S AN "AVENGING-THE-DEATH-OF-MY-ONE-TRUE-LOVE-BATGIRL" THING...

GET AWAY FROM ME!
WHA--YOU--?
NOT USED TO A FAIR FIGHT, hmm, PUMPKIN?
UNGH...THAT FEELING--
IT'S COMING FROM YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU?
I'M THE JOKER.
AND YOU'RE THE CORPSE-TO-BE
THAT FEELING YOU GET FROM THE JOKER IS KRYPTONITE, KARA--
MY NAME FOR THE RADIOACTIVE FRAGMENTS OF YOUR PLANET THAT ACCOMPANIED YOUR SHIP.
KRYPTONITE CAN KILL YOU, SUPERGIRL. I KNOW-- I WATCHED HIM USE THE GREEN ROCK TO KILL THE CHILD IN THE OTHER ROCKET.
TO MY SHAME ... I... HELPED HIM DO IT.
DON'T BE SO MODEST, EMIL. YOUR REVERSE-ENGINEERING OF THE ROCKET AND THE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE MADE ME MILLIONS...YOUR SQUEAMISHNESS COST YOU YOUR SHARE.
NOW SUPERGIRL DIES, AND THE CYCLE IS COMPLETE. THE LAST CHILD OF KRYPTON KILLED BY A PIECE OF HER DEAD WORLD--
--AN UNFORTUNATE SIDE EFFECT OF MY ATTEMPT TO REHABILITATE A CRIMINAL

YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU'RE CATATONIC.
BUT YOU'RE SPOILING THE MOMENT, SAD-FACE! I WANT MY REVENGE TO PUT ME IN A HAPPY SPACE!
YOUR CORPSE SHOULD HAVE A GREAT, BIG, SMILE.
: unhhh :
SO THIS IS OUR GOODBYE...
TELL ME, KARA -- DO YOU FEEL THE APPROACH OF DEATH, THE RADIATION OVER-STRESSING AND DEGRADING YOUR "INVULNERABLE" CELLS?
I'VE STUDIED THE PHENOMENON -- I CAN SHOW YOU A COMPUTER MODEL IF YOU LIKE.
...OR SHOULD IT BE A SURPRISE?

NO. SURPRISES ARE MY SPECIALTY.
BATGIRL!
YOU'RE BACK FROM THE DEAD!
THIS--US-- IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! SHE MEANS NOTHING TO ME!
SHE'S JUST ... JUST THE VICTIM!
YOU WISH.
LUTHOR
WHUD

LUTHOR? I SEE THAT WE'RE NO LONGER ON THAT INTIMATE FIRST-NAME BASIS.
TOO BAD. I WAS SAVING THIS RING FOR YOU.
MY RING?!
MY RING, NOW.
STOP. I NEED HIM ALIVE.
BUT WHY?
BECAUSE...
BUT SHE CAN'T TELL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY... THE DAY OF THE MOVIE... SHE LOVED THE MOVIE...
BUT AFTER IT, WHEN THE WAYNE FAMILY WAS THREATENED BY JOE CHILL...


HER DAD WAS A COP SWORN TO PROTECT.
HE TOOK HIS DUTY VERY SERIOUSLY
MOM TRIED TO STOP HIM, PULL HIM BACK...
BLAM!
BUT THEN...
...THEY BOTH...
...FELL DOWN
FREEZE!
HER WHOLE WORLD DIED
...AND A NEW CREATURE OF THE NIGHT WAS BORN

ORPHANED, BARBARA WAS TAKEN IN BY THE WAYNE FAMILY...
SHE BEGAN PREPARING...
...FINDING THE CAVE AND THE DENIZENS OF ITS DARK...
...MAKING CRIME PAY FOR ITS OWN PERSECUTION...
BARBARA GORDON
...DEVELOPING THE ELECTRONIC ARCHITECTURE FOR ORACLE...
...BEING DISCOVERED BY BRUCE, WHO ADDED HIS OWN TALENTS AND WAYNE MONEY TO THE CAUSE...
...ALL THIS CREATED... BATGIRL.

THEN CAME THE CLOSING OF GOTHAM..
PARANORMALS WERE BANISHED FROM HER BORDERS -- NO PARANORMALS, NO PARANORMAL CRIME. ORACLE REINFORCED THE THREAT.
ORACLE
THE EYES OF ORACLE ARE EVERYWH
THE JUSTICE SOCIETY WENT TO WAR OVER THE SEGREGATION..
...AND LOST
AN AGING JOE CHILL WAS CAPTURED AND BARGAINED FOR LENIENCY WITH NAMES...
..LIKE LUTHOR
THE MAN WHO PAID TO HAVE THE WAYNES KILLED, AND KILLED THE GORDONS INSTEAD
I DON'T LIKE IT
CAN'T SET UP LUTHOR IN HIS OWN TERRITORY, SO WE LURE HIM HERE...
BRING HIM IN, SET HIM UP, AND TAKE HIM DOWN
WHY?
"BECAUSE..."

BECAUSE HE HAS TO SUFFER FOR HIS CRIMES!
AND BECAUSE YOU-- YOU'RE BETTER THAN VENGEANCE! YOU'RE... HOPE.
IF YOU LET HIM CHANGE THAT...
IF YOU LET HIM BRING YOU DOWN...
"...THEN HE REALLY HAS DESTROYED THE LAST CHILD OF KRYPTON."

CONGRATULATIONS, LUTHOR... YOU'VE WON.
NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE..
YES, THEY WILL
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF HIS REPUTATION--
I KNOW THE POWER OF THE MEDIA--
WE'RE BROADCASTING LIVE.
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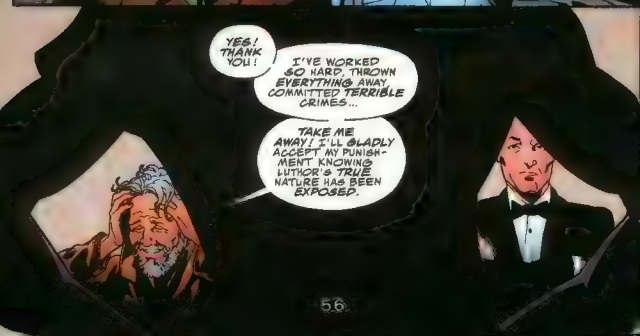
WE'RE BROADCASTING LIVE.


YES! THANK YOU!
I'VE WORKED SO HARD, THROWN EVERYTHING AWAY, COMMITTED TERRIBLE CRIMES...
TAKE ME AWAY! I'LL GLADLY ACCEPT MY PUNISHMENT KNOWING LUTHOR'S TRUE NATURE HAS BEEN EXPOSED.

HE DOESN'T EVEN... CARE.
HE WILL. CALL THE SOCIETY. THE MEDIA JACKALS ARE ALREADY SWARMING.
AND KARA? ...YOU'LL SURVIVE THIS. HE JUST KNOCKED YOU OFF YOUR CLOUD, THAT'S ALL.
AND YOU... YOU CAME OUT OF YOUR CAVE TO HELP
THANK YOU, BATGIRL.
BATGIRL?

LATER...
WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE DETAILS YET.
WITH BATGIRL'S CO-OPERATION, MR. LUTHOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN FREE WHILE THE CASE IS BEING INVESTIGATED.
HIS KIDNAPPERS ARE BEING EXTRADITED TO GOTHAM TO FACE MURDER CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF MR. LUTHOR'S LIMO DRIVER...
ICE
EXCORP
"...WE'RE SURE THEY'LL BE TREATED FAIRLY THERE."
OH, YES!
SHE'S WATCHING ME!
I GET ONE PHONE CALL?
I HAVE NO ONE TO CALL...
GOTH

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. LUTHOR HAS NO STATEMENT AT THIS TIME
PLEASE LET US PASS.
ARE YOU PLANNING TO TELL YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY?
LEX! HOW MUCH OF THAT PIRATE BROADCAST IS TRUE?
WHY'D YOU KILL THE BABY, LEX?
IS IT TRUE? WAS THERE A SECOND KRYPTONIAN?
DOES THIS MEAN NO SUPER-MARRIAGE IN THE FUTURE?
DID THE JUSTICE SOCIETY KNOW?
MR. LUTHOR--
NO COMMENT.
WONDER WOMAN? WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE STARS OF THIS SHOW--
WE KNOW BATGIRL'S HEADED BACK TO GOTHAM, BUT WHERE'S SUPERGIRL?
KARA... HAD SOME PRIVATE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO...

KANSAS:
THIS IS WHERE MY ROCKET LANDED...
I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED IT HERE

HERE LIES
KAL-EL
THE LAST SON OF KRYPTON

GOTHAM:
VRRMMMMMMMM
IT'S OVER.
LEX WILL BUY HIS WAY OUT OF JAIL, BUT HE'S DAMAGED GOODS.
WELL DONE. TWO FOR THE HOT TUB?
JUST TWO? WHERE'S YOUR FRIEND?
CANCELLED ON ME. SHE GOT CAUGHT UP IN THIS SURPRISE LIVE BROADCAST--TWO CRANKY GIRLS TAKE DOWN A PILLAR OF SOCIETY, LIVE--
EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT--SORRY YOU MISSED IT.
I'LL WAIT FOR THE BOOK... I'M SURE IT'LL HAVE ALL THE DETAILS.
AND, SPEAKING OF...

...ONE LAST.
BRILLIANT DEDUCTION, WATSON.
A BRILLIANT GEM, MS. GORDON.
LET ME GUESS--A CERTAIN KRYPTONITE RING?
STUNNING WORKMANSHIP--I LIKE THE ALIEN INFLUENCES...
I DON'T CARE HOW IT LOOKS--I CARE WHAT IT DOES.
WHICH SUMS YOU UP IN ONE SENTENCE--
--CAN'T SEE THE BEAUTY FOR THE BEAST.
I SEE IT AS INSURANCE...
...WHICH I HOPE I NEVER NEED TO USE.

ENDPAPERS BOOKSTORE, GOTHAM:
BARBARA GORDON
BINARY BEAST
MS. GORDON--YOUR BOOKS ARE SO REAL! HOW DO YOU GET SO MANY DETAILS?
I'M SECRETLY BATGIRL.
HA HA HA HA HA
NO, REALLY!
MAYBE SHE'S NOT LYING. SHE'S AWFULLY PALE--
--I DON'T THINK SHE SEES DAYLIGHT MUCH.
THE WRITER'S DISEASE...SO...YOU FIGURED OUT WHERE... TO FIND ME...
GLAD YOU COULD FLY IN FOR THE SIGNING--
ARE ANY OF YOUR RELATIVES WITH YOU?
BARBARA GORDON
BINARY BEAST
NO...YOU KNOW HOW IT IS. SOMETIMES YOU WANT TO GET LOOSE AND HANG OUT WITH YOUR NEW FRIENDS.
FRIENDS? FUNNY, THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF MY NEXT BOOK--ALL ABOUT SUPERGIRL AND BATGIRL.
JUST WAIT--YOU'LL THINK YOU WERE THERE.
END